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THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th May, 1953, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

Chairman: Mr. G. Aird Whyte.

Eleven Fellows and Members were present.

The Chairman conveyed to the meeting apologies for absence from Dr. G. C. L. Bertram, Mrs. B. Bosanquet, Professor Bradford Hill, The Lord Horder, Mr. R. Pilkington and Dr. Moore Taylor.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary briefly reviewed the main items contained in the Annual Report.

The Chairman, having outlined proposed future activities of the Society, then moved the adoption of the Report which was carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

These were presented by the Hon. Treasurer. They were put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1953/54

The following retirements from the Council were announced:—

President:

Under Article 27, Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders was due to retire from the Presidency of the Society.

Vice-Presidents:

Under Article 28, the following were due to retire:—

Professor A. J. Lewis

Professor F. Grundy

Council:

Under Article 30 the following were due to retire:—

Dr. R. Bennett

Mrs. R. Conrad

Dr. R. M. Dykes

Mr. R. Rumbold

Sir Russell Brain

Professor T. H. Marshall

Professor E. C. Dodds

Honorary Officers and Council for the year 1953/54:—

Honorary Officers:

The following appointments by the Council were announced:—

President: Sir Charles Darwin

Chairman: Mr. G. Aird Whyte

Treasurer: Mr. Geoffrey Eley

Librarian: Mr. Cecil Binney

Secretary: Dr. C. P. Blacker

Vice-Presidents: Dr. G. C. L. Bertram

Mr. D. Caradog Jones

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Dr. A. S. Parkes

Professor E. C. Dodds

Professor T. H. Marshall

Council:

There having been no nominations of Members of the Council by Fellows outside the Council the appointment of the following was proposed and unanimously approved:—

Professor A. Kennedy

The Hon. Mrs. U. Grant Duff

Mr. R. C. Pritchard

Mr. P. Bloomfield

Professor D. V. Glass

Dr. C. D. Darlington

Mr. R. Pilkington

Mr. C. Usher

Dr. J. B. Bramwell

Miss E. Lawrence

Mrs. B. Goldman

Mrs. B. Bosanquet

Professor F. Grundy

Professor A. J. Lewis

Lord Simon of Wythenshawe

Mrs. F. Laski

Dr. K. Hutton

AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The following was RESOLVED:—

“That Messrs. West & Drake should continue to serve as the Society's Auditors on a basis of remuneration to be agreed at the end of the year.”

The resolution was proposed by Mr. C. W. Usher and seconded by Dr. Julius Isaac.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953-1954

In this report, the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1953 to 31st December, 1953, inclusive. The rest of the report covers the period 1st April, 1953 to 31st March, 1954, inclusive.

Council Council Meetings were held on the following dates:—

17th June, 1953—8 present.
7th October, 1953—15 present.
20th January, 1954—17 present.
24th March, 1954—9 present.

The following were co-opted to the Council under Article 32:—

On 17th June, 1953:—
Sir Arthur Ellis.
Mrs. R. Conrad.
Mr. R. Rumbold.

On 20th January, 1954:—
Mr. P. R. Cox.

Consultative Council The Consultative Council has suffered losses in the deaths of The Rt. Rev. E. W. Barnes, D.D., Sc.D., LL.D., F.R.S., and Professor Douglas Laurie, M.A., F.Z.S.

The Galton Lecture The Galton Lecture for 1954 was delivered on Tuesday, 16th February by Professor F. A. E. Crew, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., on "A Eugenic Appraisal of the Welfare State." The Chair was taken by Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders and about 100 people were present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. A. S. Parkes.

The meeting was held at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W.1, and was preceded by tea.

Members' Meetings The following Meetings were held in the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, by kind permission of the President and Council of the Royal Society:—

27th May, 1953. Professor D. Baird and Miss E. M. Scott on "Intelligence and Childbearing." Sir Eardley Holland was in the Chair.

7th October, 1953. Mr. James Shields on "Personality Differences and Neurotic Traits in Normal Twin School Children." Dr. Eliot Slater was in the Chair.

18th November, 1953. Mr. G. Aird Whyte and Dr. C. P. Blacker on "Possible Future Activities of the Eugenics Society." Mr. Geoffrey Eley was in the Chair.

16th December, 1953. Dr. Hermann Lehmann on "The Distribution of the Sick-cell Trait in Africans and Indian Aborigines." Dr. J. C. Trevor was in the Chair.

20th January, 1954. Dr. John Spencer on "Delinquent Behaviour: Some Unanswered Questions." Mr. D. Caradog Jones was in the Chair.

24th March, 1954. Dr. J. M. Tanner on "Physique and Choice of Career." Dr. G. C. L. Bertram was in the Chair.

Eugenics Review The *Eugenics Review* continues to appear under the Editorship of Miss K. Lane. The Editorial Committee consists of Dr. C. P. Blacker, Mr. G. Aird Whyte, Mr. Cecil Binney, Mr. C. W. Usher, Dr. C. O. Carter and the Editor.

At the suggestion of Dr. Clarence Gamble of Massachusetts a copy of the *Eugenics Review* has been sent to libraries of American Universities offering them a free subscription for one year. Dr. Gamble has generously agreed to meet the cost of these subscriptions. The response so far has been good.

Promising Families Committee During the year under review, the Promising Families Committee has drawn up a draft questionnaire designed to find out whether such families can be ascertained through headmasters' nominations of promising children. The questionnaire is also designed to collect information about the family background of such children and the factors limiting the size of these families. This questionnaire is being given a trial on some thirty families and will be amended in the light of this pilot run.

Grants

(a) *International Planned Parenthood Federation.* The Council made a grant of £140 (of which £30 was returned unused) to enable the Society's two delegates to attend the Conference of the International Planned Parenthood Federation held in Stockholm in August, 1953 (see below).

(b) *Joint Study Group (with P.E.P.) on World Population Policy.* In 1953 the Council made a grant of £1,500 to the Joint Study Group of P.E.P. and the Eugenics Society on World Population Policy. In January, 1954, the Council made a further grant of £350 to extend this study. It is hoped that a report will be published early in 1955. In the meantime the Study Group, through P.E.P., is to publish two Broadsheets on aspects of population in relation to world food supplies and other natural resources for distribution to the delegates attending the United Nations Conference in Rome in September, 1954.

(c) *North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre.* The Council has made a grant to the North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre of £750 for one year, renewable for two further years, to enable their clinic to cover all activities of a Five Purposes Parenthood Centre, namely, family planning, treatment of infertility, marriage guidance, pre-marital health examinations and eugenic guidance.

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(d) *Family Planning Association.* The Council has made a grant of £250 for one year to the Family Planning Association to pay a research worker to investigate the properties of bases used in chemical contraceptives. The Council has also made to the Association an additional grant of £70 for one year for testing the harmlessness of contraceptives.

Representation of the Society on other Organisations
The Council is represented by Dr. C. P. Blacker and Mr. R. Weatherall on the British Committee of the International Union of Family Organisations; by Mr. J. C. Trevor on the Joint Committee for Anthropological Research and Teaching; and by Mrs. Grant Duff on the following organisations: The National Council of Women, the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare, the British Social Biology Council and the National Baby Welfare Council. Dr. Blacker has continued to be Honorary Secretary of the Population Investigation Committee.

Representation at Conferences Dr. C. P. Blacker and Dr. G. C. L. Bertram represented the Society at the Fourth International Conference on Planned Parenthood, held from 17th—22nd August, 1953 in Stockholm. Dr. Blacker was Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee at this conference and Dr. Bertram gave a paper on "Further Aspects of Population Limitation."

Mrs. Grant Duff represented the Society at the British National Conference on Social Work held from 15th—18th April, 1953 and at the Annual Conference of the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare held from 10th—12th June, 1953.

Society's Premises The Society has now made all three rooms on its second floor available, rent free, to the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Library During the past year 48 books have been added to the Library by gift and purchase; 202 have been borrowed, 35 of them by the National Central Library. The Librarian has borrowed 13 books from the National Central Library for re-loan to Fellows and Members.

Obituary We regret to record the death of the following Fellows and Members: C. F. Chance, Esq., Mrs. J. Chance, Sir Norwood East, Lt.-Col. G. N. Ford, Mrs. C. B. S. Hodson, Mrs. E. How-Martyn, Mrs. D. J. Owen and L. F. Richardson, Esq.

FINANCE

Donations During the period under review, the Society has received with gratitude, donations amounting to £14 3s. 7d. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Austen Goodman	...	19	1
The Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust	...	1	1 0
Senor Araujo	...	10	0
Lt.-Col. R. F. Arden Close	...	3	3 0
Mr. R. Snow	...	8	0 0
Miss Mary Clay	...	10	6
	£14	3	7

Covenants During the year the total tax recovered by the Society by means of subscriptions paid under Covenant amounted to £84.

Accounts for 1953 A statement of Income and Expenditure during 1953 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1953, will be found at the end of this Report. A list of the Society's Investments at the same date is set out on page 4.

During 1953 Income exceeded Ordinary Expenditure by £172, and this amount was further augmented by £342 being the balance of Mr. E. J. Lidbetter's Fund, gratefully accepted, and originally collected by him and the late Mrs. Hodson for Problem Families Research. During the year the Council voted grants for special purposes which were drawn upon to the extent of £1,536. No transfer was made to Staff Pension Reserve, which now stands at £1,000. In short, the result for the year is an expenditure of £1,052 beyond receipts of all sorts.

The Society is committed to further grants over the next two years, and these amount in all at the date of the Balance Sheet to some £3,234.

The General Fund now stands at £77,174 which compares with £76,315 at the end of 1952.

During the year under review, the Society negotiated a new Lease of its leasehold premises, 69, Eccleston Square, which now has 97 years to run. This longer lease is of greater value than the figure at which it stands in our books, although that figure includes the original purchase price of the lease together with the cost of adaption, repairs and decoration, less amounts written off.

Register of Fellows and Members

	Life Fellows	Life Members	Fellows	Members	Total
Total, 31st March, 1953	91	14	167	237	509
Elections, 1953/54	4	—	7	11	22
	95	14	174	248	531
Less:					
Deaths	2	—	3	3	8
Resigned	—	—	5	3	8
Lapsed	—	—	—	7	7
	2	—	8	13	23
Total, 31st March, 1954	93	14	166	235	508
Affiliated Societies					1

INVESTMENTS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953
(AT COST)

FREEHOLD PROPERTY—										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
82, High Street, Bromley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,391	0	8			
72/74, Denmark Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,677	1	0			
168, King Street, Hammersmith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,315	16	6			
													18,383	18	2
MARKETABLE SECURITIES—															
£1,000	3%	Defence Bonds (P.O. Issue)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	2	0			
£2,500	3%	Savings Bonds 1965/75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,657	15	0			
£6,650	2½%	Treasury Stock 1975 or after	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,985	9	1			
£7,781.8.2	3½%	War Stock 1952 or after	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,152	12	5			
£1,135		British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1968/73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,121	5	6			
£1,895.3.10		British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1974/77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,899	14	9			
£800		Baldwins (Holdings) Ltd. Ordinary Stock (in Liquidation)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0			
£2,328.15.0		British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,795	6	6			
£2,000		London County 3% Consolidated Stock 1956/61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,812	18	0			
£A2,200		Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Internal Loan.1957/60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,771	8	0			
£215		Courage & Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	727	1	4			
£400		Scottish Brewers Ltd. 6½% Cumulative Preference Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	558	6	6			
£260		Watney, Coombe and Reid Ltd. Deferred Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	693	1	6			
1,000		Amalgamated Metal Corporation Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,128	4	7			
£1,750		Bowater Paper Corporation Ltd. 5½% Unsecured Loan Stock 1963/67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,643	4	3			
£440		British Insulated Callenders Cables Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	671	2	0			
£551		Goodlass, Wall and Lead Industries Ltd. 7% Cumulative Preference Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	803	16	7			
£387		Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	807	10	3			
£500		Harrods Ltd. 7½% Cumulative Preference Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	813	0	3			
£408		Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	840	11	9			
£192		Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	624	1	6			
750		Olympia Ltd. 5% Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	723	15	0			
1,500		Olympia Ltd. Ordinary 2/6 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
£78.15.0		Skefko Ball Bearing Co., Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	636	6	6			
£427.10.0		Standard Motor Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	630	5	3			
1,900		William Uttley Ltd. Ordinary 2/6 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	678	5	3			
3,066		David Whitehead & Sons Ltd. Ordinary 1/- Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	717	3	0			
400		Penmount Estates Ltd. 5% £1 Cumulative Preference Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	260	8	6			
35		Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	638	2	9			
£700		Clyde and Mersey Investment Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	815	5	3			
£250		Selection Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,128	12	2			
99		Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd. Ordinary 10/- Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	745	9	9			
200		Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	608	16	6			
300		Rand Selection Corporation Ltd. Ordinary 5/- Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	743	9	6			
285		Union Corporation Ltd. Ordinary 2/6 Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	662	17	6			
£130		Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,145	7	3			
55		Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. Fl.100 Sub Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,908	9	4			
£400		Devon General Omnibus and Touring Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	934	16	6			
													47,485	1	9
Market Value at 31st December, 1953. £43,528.															

OTHER SECURITIES—

50	Family Health Club Housing Society (Coventry) Ltd. £1 Shares	...	...							— — —
CASH ON DEPOSIT		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,700 0 0
										£70,568 19 11

SYERS TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Syers for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)—

£1,186 17s. 6d. British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88.

Market Value at 31st December, 1953, £1,007.

DRAKE-BROCKMAN TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Drake-Brockman for life then to each of the children for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)—

£A4,030 Australian Consolidated Stock.

Market Value at 31st December, 1953, £2,930.

THE EUGENICS SOCIETY INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1953

As at 31.12.52	£	As at 31.12.52	£
GENERAL FUND—		LEASEHOLD PROPERTY—	
76,315	Balance at this date as shown by annexed account ...	4,815	69, Eccleston Square: Original Cost 4,815 Premium and Charges on new Lease 393
1,000	STAFF PENSION RESERVE—	5,208	
	Balance at this date ...		Less: Amounts written off to 31st December, 1952 ... £1,486 For year to date ... 38
		1,524	
		3,329	3,684
NOTE.—The following Grants were approved prior to 31st December, 1953, but had not been fully drawn by that date.		FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT—	
			At cost less depreciation charged to 31st December, 1947, with subse- quent additions (less proceeds of sales) to 31st December, 1952, at cost ...
41.	For an enquiry into ill- ness in infancy ...	354	... 391
45.	Field work in Medical Genetics at Leeds ...	37	(Additions less sales during year to date) ...
46.	International Planned Parenthood Federation (£250 p.a. for three years)	391	—
47.	Committee on Promising Families ...	3,720	4,075
48.	World Population Policy (£750 p.a. for two years)		
51.	North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre for extension to Five Purposes Parenthood Centre ...	18,384 49,085 (42,650)	18,384 47,485
52.	Family Planning Associa- tion ...	50 3,500	— 4,700
52A.	Family Planning Associa- tion ...	71,019	70,569
			CURRENT ASSETS (less Liabilities)—
		906	Income Tax Recoverable ... 899
		966	Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance ... 594
		955	Cash at Bank and in Hand ... 2,750
		2,827	
		251	Less: Sundry Creditors ... 4,243 2,576 713
			3,530
		£77,315	£78,174

G. AIRD WHYTE, *Chairman of the Council.*
GEOFFREY C. R. ELEY, *Honorary Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EUGENICS SOCIETY.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for that purpose. So far as appears from our examination proper books of account have been kept by the Society. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required and also a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st December, 1953, and of the deficit for the year to that date.

Sardinia House, 52, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C.2.
18th February, 1954.

WEST & DRAKE,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953 (Contd).

<i>Year to</i> 31.12.52	<i>Year to</i> 31.12.52				
£	£	£	£	£	£
		SPECIAL GRANTS PAID DURING YEAR—			
		No. 45. Field Work in Medical Genetics at Leeds ...	133		
		No. 46. International Planned Parenthood Federation ...	125		
		No. 47. Committee on Promising Families ...	3		
		No. 48. World Population Policy ...	750		
		No. 49. Delegate to Ninth International Congress of Genetics...	40		
		No. 50. Delegate to Fourth International Conference on Planned Parenthood ...	110		
		No. 51. Five purposes Parenthood Centre ...	375		
816			1,536		
200		(Staff Pension Reserve) ...	—		
—		Additional Ground Rent on 69, Eccleston Square in respect of 1952 under new lease ...	30		
<u>£1,016</u>	<u>£1,016</u>		<u>£1,566</u>		<u>£1,566</u>

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 31st DECEMBER, 1953

<i>As at</i> 31.12.52	<i>As at</i> 31.12.52				
£	£	£	£	£	£
76,315	76,502	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER, 1953, brought down ...	1,052	BALANCE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952, brought forward ...	76,315
	725	BALANCE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953, carried forward ...	77,174	PROFIT (LESS LOSSES) ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS ...	1,911
<u>£77,227</u>	<u>£77,227</u>		<u>£78,226</u>		<u>£78,226</u>

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